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WANTS LEGATIONS MADE EMBASSIES

CHINA'S DESIRE TO RANK AMONG POWERS

Carrying Out of Reforms in Empire May Lead to Recognition of Claim.

Peking, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi, at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the Chinese official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his government.

China is very sensitive on the subject of an equal diplomatic footing with Japan, especially since the episode of the visit of the American battleships at Amoy. Only half the American fleet visited the Chinese port, while all the 16 vessels went to Yokohama. Anything that contributes to the success of the mission of Tang Shao Yi will tend to strengthen the efforts here of Yuan Shih Kai and others in the work of reforming the court.

It is believed that the reform of the foreign board of the empire and the existing court practices, together with the adoption of a reformed code, the inauguration of courts of law, the establishment of an improved financial system, and the abolition of the existing system of ex-territoriality, will tend to influence the powers toward accepting proposals to raise the rank of Chinese diplomatic representatives.

VERDICT AGAINST LABOR LEADERS

JUDGMENT IS PROTESTED FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS

Case Should Prove Death Knell of Boycott, Says Buck Stove Counsel.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—James M. Beck, of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Company, when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, while in this city yesterday, said: "This case might be the death knell of the boycott. If so, it is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1906, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate traffic, while in the Buck stove case the insidious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

"Should Be Pardoned."

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—First Vice-President James Duncan, of the American Federation of Labor, said last night: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the president could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. I think the decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard of."

Other local leaders, including President John F. Tobin, of the hotel and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision.

MINERS' PROTEST

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—W. D. Ryan, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of which John Mitchell was president, when the alleged boycott resolution was acted upon at the miners' convention a year ago, has sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question, and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

WILL NEVER SERVE TERMS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison will never serve their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding yesterday's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

WHAT WILL ROOSEVELT DO?

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided. It was stated at the White House yesterday. It was explained there that the president had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various labor organizations are waiting for a decision.

ROPE BREAKS, THREE DIE IN MINE SHAFT

Cohasset, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wm. Hamilton, of Ottawa; Fred Kelly, of West Templeton, Que., and Edward Nation, of St. Pierre, were killed in the Columbus mine yesterday by falling down a shaft through the breaking of the rope of a bucket in which they were descending.

BOMB THROWER'S SENTENCE

Life Imprisonment for Man Who Blew Up Jim Gallagher's House at Frisco.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Peter Claudians yesterday was found guilty of dynamiting the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases. Claudians was sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes, and reached a verdict on the first ballot. Claudians waived appeal and started for San Quentin last night.

CATHEDRAL LOOTED

Ornaments Taken From Tombs of Danish Kings by Sacreligious Hands.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The cathedral at Roskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish Kings, was looted by burglars on Tuesday night and a large number of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shrines were carried away. The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of all the valuable gold and silver memorials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the cities of Denmark.

PLUNGES DAGGER INTO 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Italian Assailant is Chased Through Montreal Streets and Captured.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—Plunging a dagger three times into the body of his companion, an 18-year old girl, with whom he had been walking along University street, an Italian yesterday afternoon committed a deed that aroused the indignation of those who witnessed the stabbing and led to a desperate chase through the neighboring streets, ending in the assailant being finally brought to bay, overpowered, and handed over to the police. The girl was taken to a hospital, where her condition is reported as dangerous, although she may recover. She gave the name of Sella Pastille while her assailant is Francesco Barlo, 22 years old.

NO U. S. SYNDICATE IN PANAMA CANAL DEAL

Receiver of Old Company Characterizes Story as a Fable.

Paris, Dec. 24.—In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama canal purchase, M. Lemaire, the receiver of the old company who hitherto has declined to be interviewed, made the following statement yesterday: "While I do not desire to go into details or participate in the polemic now raging in America, I do not hesitate, in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an American syndicate to which the purchase money is supposed eventually to have gone, as a fable, invented of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court, it would be improper for me to say more. Both tradition and practice make it impossible for me to disclose the list of individual bondholders to whom the money was distributed."

Another authority asserts that the American interest in the canal was purely speculative, being confined practically to a single New York banker, whose holdings long antedated the project of the American purchase. He estimated the amount that went to America as well below \$500,000.

TORONTO MAYORALTY

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Municipal nominations were held in Toronto yesterday. The nominations for mayor and board of control were made at noon, and the nominations for aldermen last night. The mayoralty candidates are: Joseph Oliver (present mayor), Thomas Davies, W. A. Douglas, J. M. Briggs and J. Lindal; board of control: F. S. Spence, W. S. Harrison, W. P. Hubbard, H. C. Hocken, J. J. Ward (present controllers), B. R. Geary, James Hales, R. B. Noble, James O'Hara, P. O. Sabine and J. Simpson.

CASES' INQUIRY OVER

Investigation of Marine Department Affairs in B. C. and P. E. I. Not Considered Necessary.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—In concluding the investigation into the marine department yesterday afternoon Judge Casals stated that departmental matters were all cleared except in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island but it was hardly necessary to go there.

WINNIPEGGER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—John W. Woodward, a prominent real estate agent, dropped dead yesterday while talking to a friend. Apoplexy was the cause.

MANITOBA TO CUT PHONE RATES

PROBABLE FULFILMENT OF LONG-STANDING PROMISE

Government Management of System Proves Success— Profits During First Year.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—In the immediate future, probably before the end of the year, an announcement will be made by the government of a reduction in the present phone rates.

Under government ownership it is expected that the profits for the first year will amount to approximately \$225,000. This has been brought about by a careful saving of expenses and also by a judicious raising of rates in certain classes which had hitherto been too low.

As far as can be learned, although nothing has yet been definitely decided, residence phones in Winnipeg will cost about \$20 after the first of the year and business phones will cost in the neighborhood of \$30 or \$35 against \$50 now charged. Throughout the province similar reductions will be made wherever possible but in every case the rates will be considerably lower than those now charged.

Careful estimates show that under the proposed rate the phone system will be self-supporting, in fact will show a small surplus every year while the new lines to be constructed will also be supported by their own revenue.

POSTAL RETURNS

Department Has Net Surplus of \$1,052,301—Nearly 400 Million Letters Sent.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended March 31st shows a net surplus of \$1,052,301, the best showing in the history of the Canadian post office. This surplus is in spite of a very large expansion in the postal service, including the establishment of 466 new post offices. It is estimated that 396,011,000 letters were posted in Canada in the twelve months ending March 31, an increase over the previous year of 31,916,000.

ONE DEAD, FOUR INJURED, IN NEW YORK BLAZE

Prompt and Heroic Work of Firemen Saves Many Lives.

New York, Dec. 24.—One man was killed, three other men and a woman were seriously burned, and the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves, in a fire that wrecked the five-story apartment house at 122 West 127th street early today. The fire damage was about \$15,000.

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBERY

Man Wanted For Crime Believed to Be Under Arrest.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who with a companion robbed the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Rondo, Mont., on Sept. 9, 1907, of about \$40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Rewards aggregating \$15,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$15,000

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Proceedings have been dropped in the case of W. H. Bartram, a well known local lawyer, charged with embezzling \$15,000 from Marion Bowles, a client. This means that Bartram goes as a free man, but it is understood that Mrs. Bowles will receive about \$3,000 of the \$15,000 she is said to have deposited with Bartram.

BISHOP OF SOUTH JAPAN

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Word has been received here that Bishop Routledge, of Dorking, England, has been appointed to succeed Bishop Awadry, of South Japan, who has resigned his post on account of ill-health.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL FRAUD

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—A thousand dollars' worth of Christmas parcels which were brought across the river from Michigan, in order to be mailed from the Canadian side, have been held up by the customs authorities.

G. T. P. AT LAKE SUPERIOR

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Port Arthur is objecting to the carrying out of an enactment passed by the legislature granting a provisional subsidy of the Lake Superior branch of G. T. P. railway because, it is claimed, Port William will have the advantage of the new road's terminals.

NO ONE INJURED

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—The derailing of two freight cars due to a broken axle on the P. & R. railway near Pennington early today gave rise to serious reports of serious loss of life, but it later developed that no one was injured in the accident.

BIG FALLING OFF IN IMMIGRATION

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The total immigration to Canada for the eleven months ending November was 148,754, a decrease of 124,533, or 46 per cent, compared with the corresponding months of last year. Immigration via ocean ports totaled 99,432, a decrease of 125,343 or 55 per cent. Immigration from the United States was 54,271, an increase of 600 over last year.

CASTRO WILL NOT INTERFERE

DEPOSED PRESIDENT MAKES STATEMENT

No Difficulties to Be Placed in Way of Present Administration.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Cypriano Castro today gave a statement to the Associated Press which amounts virtually to the abandonment of his present claims to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. This statement follows: "After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude there attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred."

"In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from acting in the affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain for two weeks longer in the private sanatorium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

G. T. R. FIREMAN KILLED

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 24.—A Grand Trunk fireman, William Hargrave, fell from his engine near Lancaster and sustained injuries which caused his death. His home is in Brockville, and he was about 22 years old.

BIG HOMESTEAD RUSH

Six Hundred Entries Made With in One Day at Moose Jaw.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 24.—The Dominion land office staff established a record here on Tuesday, when as a result of a sensational day's work they received 600 entries for homesteads and pre-emptions in the Moose Jaw district.

The figures for the local land office with regard to entries during the past three months have shown an increase of records out of gear. The previous biggest single day's entries was Sept. 17th, when 327 were made. On Monday the total reached 324, but Tuesday's figures make the other records look small.

Such a rush for land never was seen before here, and possibly never will again. The streets of Moose Jaw present a stirring sight, and fresh batches of land-hungry men are coming in by every train and by every trail leading to the city.

MARITAL TROUBLES MAY BE AIRED IN COURT

Defence in Yacht Club Murder Case Bases Hope in T. J. Hains' Story.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The state's case against Thornton J. Hains nears its close. District Attorney Darrin said that he hoped all the prosecution's witnesses could be heard before an adjournment is taken over Christmas until Saturday. The wives of three members of the Bayshore Yacht Club, where Wm. E. Annis was shot and killed, are under subpoena, and are called by the prosecution to tell of the incidents in which Mr. Annis participated previous to the shooting.

The lawyers for Hains expect to open the defence on Saturday or Monday and Joseph Shay will outline the case to the jury. It is not known how many witnesses will be called by the defence's lawyers, but they are placing their main hope in the story that Hains will tell on the stand.

"Thornton Hains' recital," said John F. McIntyre, "will be clear and convincing, and will tear the state's case to pieces. The defendant has no fear of the cross-examination of the prosecution's lawyers, and after his testimony the shooting of Annis will be seen in a different light."

It is generally regarded as certain that Hains' lawyer will take the stand to refute the testimony of Policeman Fallon that Thornton Hains, referring to Annis, said to him on the night of the coroner's inquest "that he would like to go down into hell and bring him back and kill him over again."

With the introduction of the Ripley letter yesterday the defence's counsel will probably develop from Thornton Hains what he meant in his letter regarding Annis, and if this line of examination is allowed the story of Capt. C. Hains' unfortunate marital trouble will come out.

GRAFT SCANDAL ON BIG SCALE

PITTSBURG THRILLED BY BRIBERY SENSATION

Revelations in Examination of Councilmen—"Reached" by Small Sums.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Pittsburg was shaken from end to end yesterday by thunderbolts of sensational testimony in connection with the newly disclosed municipal legislative scandal. The troubles of San Francisco are popularly declared to be tame in comparison. Furthermore it is stated that the developments yesterday are mere preliminaries to subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men.

The testimony offered in court yesterday intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach," and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council body had been "reached." In the passage of one ordinance alone, it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing yesterday. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds. "If the German National bank would do as other banks have done," A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers agreed \$17,500 on a table in a room of the bank, and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the room. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone. At the request of the directors, both of the bank officials, resigned last Saturday. They were held in bonds of \$14,000 each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and Members Klein, Soffel, Wasson, Melaney, and Ferguson, of the common council, and Atkinson, of the select board, were then called for hearing. The principal witness was Robert Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the Voters' League of Pittsburg, which brings the complaint against the nine defendants.

Mr. Wilson's testimony was sensational. Aided by an assistant, it was told that Wilson engaged a room in a hotel, cut holes in the door and walls of an adjoining room. Then a series of meetings was arranged with councilmen. His assistant, Herbert Jones, posed as a business man desiring certain ordinances passed, and during his conferences with the councilmen, Wilson and a stenographer were stationed in the next room, making a full report of the transactions. During these conferences, Councilman Klein and a great councilman, the detective, how completely councils were controlled by the accused men, were told. It was also testified that Klein and Brand each accepted \$500 from Jones in payment for securing the passage of an ordinance.

At a meeting held in another local hotel, Klein, it was testified, told Wilson how hard it was to divide money among the councilmen. To illustrate his remarks, it was testified that Councilman Klein told of how \$45,000 had to be split between sixty councilmen.

This money was alleged to have been received in connection with the construction of the filter beds at the new filtration plant of Pittsburg. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted \$100, some \$50 and some \$25, and still others \$5. According to Councilman Klein, Wilson related, the \$5 councilmen were known as "hoodlums."

It was also possible to secure some councilman votes on some measures in return for a suit of clothes or for street car tickets.

With the exception of Klein and Wasson, all of the defendants immediately renewed their bonds for appearance for court trial and were released. In the aggregate the bonds amounted to \$118,000.

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NEW ORLEANS TRAIN WRECK

Number of Railway Officials Are Charged With Manslaughter.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—As a result of the disastrous wreck on the New Orleans & Northeastern railway, within a few minutes of New Orleans on November 11th, in which 33 lives were lost and a dozen or more people severely injured, the grand jury yesterday returned indictments charging manslaughter against the following: N. G. Persall, general superintendent of the New Orleans Great Northern; H. E. Flanagan, divisional superintendent of the New Orleans & Northeastern; J. O. Armistead, chief train dispatcher of the New Orleans Great Northern; Henry Slager, conductor, and A. E. Huggison, engineer of the New Orleans Great Northern. The indicted men were required to furnish bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each.



SENTENCE IN 'FRISCO ASSASSINATION CASE

Slayer of D. W. Stevens Found Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Whan Chang, a Korean, who shot and killed Durham White Stevens, a Japanese diplomatic adviser to the Korean Emperor, last March in San Francisco, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury last night in Judge Cook's department of the Superior court. Sentence will be passed on December 28th. The minimum penalty is ten years and the maximum life imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEW YORK STARVING ONES

Salvation Army Will Feed Million and a Half People in U. S. A.

New York, Dec. 24.—A million and a half of men, women and children throughout the country, including 125,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 4,000 destitute New York children will be given toys suited to their ages on Christmas day from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contribution.

In Manhattan the dinners will be given out on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, where 4,000 more such baskets containing dinner enough for five will be distributed at the same time from the army headquarters in Brooklyn.

Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said yesterday that her idea, and that of the army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large 17 room house valued at \$20,000 at Long Branch, N. J., which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown.

Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of \$95,000, of which \$40,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

NIGHT RIDERS' CASE

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The state attorneys in the Night Riders' trial yesterday afternoon announced that they would close their case today. The defence will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of October 19th, the night that Captain Ranken was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the nights that other outrages were perpetrated as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Ranken.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—At the annual banquet of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada last night, Provincial Secretary Hanna said steps would be taken to make a higher standard for hotels in Ontario, to which hotel keepers will have to adhere to. An official will be appointed to devote himself exclusively to the inspection of country hotels.

MAKING HOLIDAY A HAPPY ONE

ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING JOY TO ALL

Entertainments Will Be Given at Many of the Public Institutions.

Christmas is the one holiday that is preceded by such strenuous preparations on the part of all that a rest would seem to be absolutely necessary on that day. A busy season among business men and all other classes in the city will be followed by the fullest enjoyment of Christmas day. While the occasion is one essentially dear to the hearts of children and is a "home" day, there are those who in their charge of duty or in their efforts to make the event an enjoyable one to others not so favorably situated as themselves must spend at least a part of the day abroad. Fortunately it promises to be true Victoria weather which will facilitate the work of those who are called forth. While the greater part of Canada is enjoying the Christmas time under the conditions peculiar to a winter of frost and snow, Victorians are permitted to gather flowers in the gardens for the day.

In another column the services in the different churches are given.

The spirit of "Good Will to All," which pervades at this season of the year, will be manifested in a variety of ways to-morrow.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A., with laudable forethought, has made arrangements to provide the means for preventing those young men who have no homes in the city from becoming lonely on the occasion. Many invitations have accordingly been issued to young men away from home to attend their Christmas dinner to be given in the auditorium of the building on Broad street. An excellent menu has been provided, and a programme will be given after the dinner that will serve to add the social touch and make all feel thoroughly at home.

The hospital of the city will not be forgotten, and those who are deprived as a result of sickness of the pleasures of the day at home will have an opportunity to hear Christmas music, relieving their suffering and reviving memories of the day when more favorably situated. Under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity, the pioneer hand-bell ringers will give a programme at the Jubilee hospital to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. They will first ring in the corridor at the west end near the men's wards, and afterwards in the east corridor near the women's and children's wards, thus giving all those in the hospital an opportunity of hearing the Christmas bells. All friends are invited. The programme will include the following selections: The Village Chimes, Christmas Awake, Adepts Fidelity, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Mariner's Hymn, Vesper Hymn, God Bless the Prince of Wales, British Grenadiers, Alpine Melodies, God Save the King.

At St. Joseph's hospital the staff will render a programme of Christmas music for the benefit of those who are unable to leave their beds. It will be given in the afternoon at a time which will suit the convenience of all.

The workers of the W. C. T. U. mission on Yates street are giving a Christmas treat to the homeless men of the town to-morrow at noon. The usual abundant supply of good things will be branded, and Mrs. Field and her associates will do all in their power to brighten the lives of their guests.

At the Protestant Orphanage the children will not be forgotten. They

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PHONES 94 AND 133

The funeral of the late Joseph
Evans took place yesterday afternoon
from the Hanna chapel at 2:30
o'clock. The Sons of England,
of which society the deceased was a
member, was well represented. Mem-
bers of the Campfire Association
turned out in large numbers.
The funeral service was con-
ducted by A. J. Brown. At the cemetery
funeral service was con-ducted. The following acted as pall-
bearers: F. R. Robbins, J. C. Walker,
A. Jones, R. H. Johnson, W. C. Winkel
and F. Otter.Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Do-
minion hotel, this morning mailed four
thousand "Dominion" Christmas
booklets to the patrons of the hotel
during past years, and to friends. The
booklets were tastefully designed.Cambridge University admits 125 new
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GRAFT SCANDAL

ON BIG SCALE

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More Arrests Probable.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—While the
graft scandal at Pittsburg has been
halted in so far as the making of
additional arrests is concerned, it is
intimated and believed that this is only
temporary. It is said the efforts of
investigators will now be directed
towards others implicated in the alleged
corruption as the seven councilmen
and two former bankers arrested Mon-
day night have been held for trial.
One of the prisoners stated: Action
was necessary and undoubtedly other
persons guilty of grafting were fright-
ened and making endeavor to elimi-
nate any trace of their participation.
Rumors are being circulated to-day
that a second raid will soon be made
against councilmen, and business men
who are charged with corrupting the
council. The Voters' League of
Pittsburg is said to have prepared
twenty-two warrants for the arrest of
these persons.

SENSATION ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Two Members Suspended—
Suspicious Dealings With
Bankrupt Firm.New York, Dec. 24.—W. H. Martin
and Thomas W. Moorehead, members
of the firm of Marshall, Spader & Co.,
stockbrokers, were suspended from
the New York Stock Exchange to-day
for three years. The suspension was
understood to be the result of an in-
vestigation of the dealings of Marshall,
Spader & Company with the failed firm
of Coster, Napp & Company. It was
announced on the exchange that the
suspended members were charged with
doing business in a manner inconsis-
tent with just and equitable principles
of trade.

TO CHALLENGE WINNER.

Jeffries Has Man to Meet Victor in
Burns-Johnson Bout.Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—James J. Jef-
fries, proprietor of the Jeffries Athletic
Club, and former champion, has cabled
to Australia a challenge for the win-
ner of the Burns-Johnson fight in Syd-
ney, to fight the winner of the Kauf-
man-Barry fight in Los Angeles, the
contest to take place in this city.
The cablegram was sent to Hugh D.
McIntosh, who is managing the world's
championship affair in Australia. The
offer made was a substantial one, and
should be alluring to the winner of the
championship in Australia. Jeffries
professes to believe that the winner of
the Kaufman-Barry fight will have a
right to aspire to a match with the
winner of the Burns-Johnson fight, and
that his club is the best club to han-
dle the affair.Seth Chamberlain has the thanks
of the Times staff for the opportune
arrival of a box of choice cigars as a
reminder of Christmas.When they close business to-night
(Christmas eve) the Family Cash Gro-
cery, corner Douglas and Yates streets,
will not open again until Monday
morning, thus giving their employees
three days straight holidays.

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NEW REGIME OPENS WELL

VENEZUELA RESUMES
TRADE WITH COLOMBIAEmissary Sent to Europe to
Settle Disputes With France
and Holland.Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 24.—The new
Venezuelan government has announced
that it will permit the resumption of
trade over the frontier between Vene-
zuela and Colombia at all frontier
points. Relations between Venezuela
and Colombia have been strained for
several years past and President Cas-
tro at one time issued a decree pro-
hibiting the entrance of merchandise
from Colombia into Venezuela except
over certain transportation routes in
which he was financially interested.
Friendly Negotiations.
The Hague, Dec. 24.—The foreign of-
fice has been advised that Jose J. De
Paul, until recently Venezuelan minis-
ter of foreign affairs, left La Guayra
to-day for Paris and the Hague on a
special mission from the New Vene-
zuelan government to open negotia-
tions for the settlement of the exist-
ing disputes between Venezuela and France
and Holland.

EPIDEMIC OF

ROBBERIES AT REGINA

Six Occur Since Sunday Night,
But No Arrests Are
Made.Regina, Sask., Dec. 24.—There have
been a series of six robberies here
since Sunday night, and the fact that
no one has been arrested has set citi-
zens to thinking that it is time the
police force "got busy."Two homes were entered on Sunday
evening but nothing of account stolen.
On Monday the house, occupied by the
help at the Alexandra hotel, was en-
tered and watches, jewelry and money to
a considerable value was taken.
On Tuesday night Prosser's store was
entered and cigars were taken.
Last night the residences of John
Martin and John H. Hall, on Scarth
street were entered. In two homes
jewelry, watches and money to the
value of nearly five hundred dollars,
were taken.The police have a description of the
man thought to be implicated, but no
arrests have been made up to date.
Last night several cases of women,
followed or accosted on the streets,
were reported to the city police but no
arrests were made.The police commission met last night
and dismissed Constable Hogarth
from the force for negligence on his
beat.

DASHES DOWN STEEP GRADE, WRECKING STATION

Freight Train Then Crashes In-
to Creamery Buildings—
Wreckage Catches Fire.Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A freight
train on the Buffalo and Susquehanna
railway, consisting of seventy-two
cars, broke away this morning on a
steep grade five miles from Addison
and dashed on its way to Addison.
The engineer warned the crew and they
jumped. At Addison the cars tore
through the station at a terrific speed,
jumped from the tracks, demolishing
the station into kindling wood and
then crashed into the buildings of the
Hovell Company, a creamery, wreck-
ing them completely. The cars were
halted here.This wreckage of the creamery caught
fire and burned, together with the
tangled mass of freight cars and their
contents. The fire spread to a number
of passenger coaches on an Erie siding
and burned them. The collision and
fire blocked traffic on the Erie road for
some hours. The only man killed was
Fireman Waters, of the freight, who
was hurt when he jumped.

NEW POLICE DISTRICT

Provincial Chief Appointed to Protect
the Boundary Area.A new provincial police district,
known as the Boundary district, has
been formed and will embrace the ter-
ritory comprised within the electoral
riding of Grand Forks, Greenwood and
Similkameen and will be formed from
portions of the present provincial po-
lice districts of Vernon, Kamloops and
Nelson.The new district has been made owing
to the addition of police work found
necessary in the territory through the
growth of settlements there. It was
therefore been under the control of
Chief Provincial Constable W. J.
Devitt, of Nelson, but the new area
will be under the supervision of Chief
Constable Charles J. Bunbury, of Kam-
loops, who will be transferred to Green-
wood, where his headquarters are to
be established. There are to be twelve
provincial constables under him sta-
tioned at various centres in the dis-
trict.It is reported that with the increase
of population and the growth of set-
tlement in the district it has become
attractive to the criminals of the other
side and the district being on the
boundary affords these men easy es-
cape under the old conditions. The new
distribution of the police, however, it
is felt by the authorities will do much
to act as a deterrent to criminals from
other side coming into the district.
The province is now divided into twelve
provincial police districts.

C. P. R. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

(Special to the Times).

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—The
industrial department of the
C. P. R. was organized to-day.
F. W. Peters will be in charge.
It is expected to be of great
value in the development of the
West. The cooperation of
boards of trade in the West is
to be sought, and information
concerning the resources and
requirements of each district
are to be furnished.

CITIZENS FINANCE

SOCCER TEAM'S TRIP

Thirty Dollars Collected To-day
to Send Eleven to
Nanaimo.Thanks to the generous support of
public spirited citizens of Victoria the
Victoria soccer team will go to Na-
naimo on Saturday to play Nanaimo,
the return game in the Pacific Coast
League schedule.The announcement was published in
the Times last night that the local ex-
cutive had put out of funds would be
unable to secure a full team, the mem-
bers of which were willing to pay their
individual expenses for the trip, and
the fact that the team would be liable
to a fine of \$50 in the event of not fill-
ing the date.This morning a gathering of soccer
men was held informally at Peden
Bros., when a suggestion was made
that as the players had done their full
share of advertising Victoria in other
cities and thus brought considerable
trade to the city, this and other years,
citizens should return the compliment
and subscribe the sum necessary to
send the team away. Sam Lorimer an-
nounced he had five men ready and
willing to pay their own expenses, and
close figuring showed that about \$30
would be wanted to pay the expenses
of the other eleven men.C. G. Duncan, president of the Is-
land League, and Secretary Beane, of
the Pacific coast league, were straight-
way delegated to canvass the city.
Within an hour the delegation had re-
turned with \$30 collected, and the team
will leave Saturday morning.The team will probably be selected
from Beane, Lorimer, Prevost,
Shanks, Sheriff, R. Whyte, Rothwell,
Williams, Cowans, O'Neil, Sedger and
J. Young.Those who contributed to the fund
are: Harry Hemming, Driard hotel, who
headed the list with \$5; T. D. Velch,
Meldrum & Moloney, J. C. Macintosh,
C. Richards, of Wilson Bros.; John
Miller, L. Marks, Capt. Cullin, Mayor
Hall, E. S. Tait, A. Levy, Peden Bros.,
J. J. Shalleross, A. Coles, J. G. Brown,
Jesse Evans and Percy Richardson.

TO BOYCOTT NEWSPAPER IS INDICTABLE OFFENSE

Methods Adopted to Re-es-
tablish Racing in New
Orleans.New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—"To boy-
cott a newspaper doing an inter-state
business is an offence which falls di-
rectly under the decision of the Su-
preme court in the Danbury Hatters
case," said Judge E. D. Saunders, of
the United States district court, in-
charging the grand jury here yester-
day. Judge Saunders's charge to the
grand jury was in response to the in-
vestigation which was begun immediately by
that body started another chapter in
the story of a determined effort to re-
establish racing in New Orleans. It
was charged by the court that saloons,
hotels and other interests of the city
were combined to boycott a newspaper
which opposed racing and race track
gambling in its editorial columns.Before adjourning for the day the
grand jury heard several witnesses in
the matter.
"We cannot permit a quasi-criminal
portion of this population to censor and
dictate what the newspapers of this
city shall be permitted to say in their
discussion of public questions," said
Judge Saunders to the jury. "And if
there is a conspiracy of this kind then
it behooves you to investigate it thor-
oughly, and indict the men engaged in
it, so that they may undergo the sever-
est penalties that the law may inflict
upon them."

TWO SHIPS ARRIVE

Overdue Ship Broadbea Now Lying In
Royal Roads on Way to
Vancouver.Ship Broadbea, 31 days out from San
Francisco, 3485 tons, Chilean, barque
Hurt de Se, arrived in the Royal
Roads this morning. The former will
load lumber at Vancouver for the
United Kingdom. The Roar de Soler
is from Iquique.
The Broadbea was overdue and much
anxiety was being felt at her non ar-
rival.

HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—H. P. Dwight,
president of the Great Northwestern Tele-
graph Company, yesterday reached his
80th year, an occasion marked by the pre-
sentation to him by officials of the com-
pany of a handsome scarf pin.

BIG FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—Lamy's de-
partmental store on Notre Dame street
was destroyed by fire this morning.
The loss is \$75,000.

DIED.

DOW.—The funeral of the late Mrs.
Annie Dow will take place on Satur-
day, Dec. 26th, from the family resi-
dence, 628 Superior street, at 2:30 p. m.

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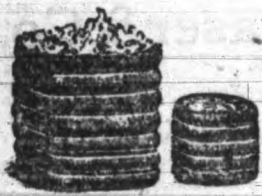
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**CHRISTMAS IN
CITY CHURCHES****SPECIAL SERVICES TO
BE HELD TO-MORROW**

Many Local Congregations
Will Fittingly Observe
the Day.

In many of the city churches to-morrow special Christmas services will be held to mark the greatest day in the church calendar. The following are the arrangements for the different churches:

Christ Church Cathedral.
Christmas services will be held to-morrow morning. There will be Holy Communion at 7 and 8 o'clock, and the Christmas service at 11 o'clock. The building has been very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the choir will render special music. The organ has been considerably improved, and its beautiful tones will be heard with enhanced value to-morrow. Christmas carols will be sung next Sunday evening, and the Sunday after.

St. Barnabas.
The Christmas celebration will commence this evening at 7:30 with the midnight celebration. This will be a Communion service commemorating the announcement to the shepherds. At this service the choir will sing a number of familiar carols, and a special feature will be the accompaniment of some of these carols by the handbell ringers. The ringers have been steadily practicing with the bells recently procured in England, and the beautiful tone of the bells will add much to the music of the carols.

The usual services will also be held on Christmas Day. Holy Communion at 8 and 9 a. m., Matins at 10:30 and Choral Eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. E. G. Miller on "The Incarnation." The church will be suitably decorated for the occasion. The music follows:

Organ—The Pastoral Symphony... Handel
Processional Hymn—Hark, the Herald
Angels Sing
Communion Service... Simper in A Flat
Anthem—The Angel Gabriel... Simper
Hymns... 50, 22, 62 and 61
Nunc Dimittis... St. John
Organ—For Unto Us a Child Is Born... Handel
St. James

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of the holy communion at 8, full choral service with sermon at 11, a second celebration of the holy communion at 12. The music will be as follows:
Organ Voluntary—Lied... Grieg
Hymn... 61
Venite and Proper Psalms... Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum... Augustus Toop
Benedictus... Langdon
Anthem—The Word Shepherds... Foster
Soprano Solo, Miss Redfern; Bass Solo, Mr. W. H. Melliar.

Kyrie... Burnett in A Flat
Gloria Tibi... Burnett in A Flat
Hymns... 60 and 22
Recessional Hymn... Handel
Organ—For Unto Us a Child Is Born... Handel
St. Saviour's.

In the Victoria West Anglican church Christmas will be remembered by Holy Communion at 7 and 8 a. m., and evensong at 4:30 p. m. The rector, Rev. C. E. Cooper, will conduct the services, and the building will be tastefully decorated.

Metropolitan.
The Christmas Day service will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church at 11 o'clock. The choir will render an anthem and Mr. Marsh will sing "Nazareth." The pastor, Rev. T. E. Holling, will give an appropriate address, the service being limited to exactly one hour.

Centennial.
Service will be held in the church at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day and Rev. S. J. Thompson will preach a sermon on a topic suggested by the day. There will be bright singing, and a very hearty welcome awaits all who attend.

St. Andrew's Cathedral.
In St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral there will be special Christmas services in the forenoon. At 6 o'clock in the morning mass will be held, at which Christmas carols will be sung. Following that there will be mass at the following hours, 8:30, 9 and 10:30. High Mass will be celebrated, when the service will be choral with a sermon preached by Rev. Father Caine.

Reformed Episcopal.
At 11 o'clock to-morrow morning a service will be held in the Church of Our Lord conducted by the rector, Rev. T. W. Gladstone. The service will be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

German Lutheran.
The German Lutheran congregation will hold their Christmas service and Christmas carols will be sung at their church on Meave street on Christmas night at 7:30. The children have practiced for the occasion, and a Christmas tree and presents will be distributed. All Germans interested are asked to be present.

In twelve months tigers in India were responsible for the death of 98 human beings and 2,714 head of cattle.

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**COL. HOLMES EXTENDS
HOLIDAY GREETINGS****Fifth Regiment Begins Regular Drill Early in the New Year.**

The latest orders issued by Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment C. G. A., are as follows:

The following extract from D. O. 123, par. 3, December 17th, is published for general information:

"Colonel J. G. Holmes, D. O. C., desires to convey to all ranks of the forces under his command his best wishes for the coming Christmas and New Year."

The regular drill season will commence on January 4th. The company drill nights being as heretofore: Mondays, No. 3 Company; Tuesdays, No. 1 Company; Wednesdays, No. 2 Company.

Recruits will parade on Wednesday evenings, commencing January 13th, under Co.-Sgt.-Maj. Instr. Macdonald, R. C. G. A.

The signallers will parade under Captain S. Booth on Mondays, commencing January 12th.

Office will be held as usual on Wednesday evenings, commencing on January 4th, at 8:30 p. m.

GIRLS' SCHOOL CLOSSES.

Queen's Academy Holds Exercises at End of the Term.

The closing exercises at Queen's Academy were of a very pleasing character, and were attended by a great many parents and friends of the scholars. An excellent programme was presented, perfectly carried out in every detail by the children. The schoolroom was decorated with much taste. The school has just completed its fifth year, and, as Rev. E. G. Miller remarked in the course of his address, enlarged accommodation is imperative.

Addresses and handsome Christmas gifts were presented by the pupils to the principal, Dr. Stephen D. Pope, Miss M. A. R. Pope, first assistant and teacher of the intermediate division; and Miss Louise Lugin, second assistant and teacher of the junior division.

The following was the programme, in which the result of Miss Grylle's training was manifest: Duet, "Babab Morn" (Mendelssohn); Misses Mary Sturges, Jeanette Kelly; reading, "Christmas Time," Miss Helen Leavell; "Two Ways of Looking at It," Misses Gertrude Scott, Jocelyn Bridgman, Marguerite Verrinder; "Canadian Boat Song," Miss Grylle's class; cantata, "The Live Doll," pupils of intermediate and junior divisions; piano solo, Miss Madge Wolfenden; play, "The Wrocks Box," pupils of senior division; "God Save the King."

The promotion and prize lists were as under:

Junior Division.
Proficiency—Second reader: 1. Ellen Hart; 2. Rose O'Meara.
First reader—Mendelssohn—Verrinder.
Second primer—Hazel Fowler.

First primer—Class A, Madge Randall; class B, Dolly McBride, Kathleen Veitch; class C, Georgiana Hawes.
Department—Dorothy Rogers.
Perfect in regularity—Ellen Hart, Elva Rogerson, Roberta Balcom.
Neatness—Roberta Balcom.
Rapid improvement—Georgiana Hawes.
Politeness—Edna Sanders.

Promotions to the intermediate division—Ellen Hart, Rose O'Meara.
Intermediate Division.
Promotions—Third reader to Fourth reader: Dorothy Moore, Rosalie Newman, Eileen Miller; Fourth reader to Senior division: Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder, Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.
Department—Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder.

Regularity—Virtue Errington, Edith Galley, Rosalie Newman, Kathryn Bradshaw.
Marked improvement—Charlotte Betterton, Margaret McBride.
Neatness—Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.
Politeness—Minnie Moody, Dorothy Moore.

Senior Division.
General proficiency—Mabel Eberts, Evelyn Leavell, Sheila Dumbleton, Mary Sturges, Evelyn Munroe, Jane McPherson, Elsie Redfern.
Senior Fourth reader—Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgman.
Special subjects—Bookkeeping: Sheila Dumbleton, Jane McPherson; algebra: Mabel Eberts; geometry, Mary Sturges; Roman history, Mabel Eberts, Sheila Dumbleton; Latin, Mary Sturges; French, Mary Sturges, Evelyn Munroe.
Department—Jane McPherson, Gertrude Scott.

Regularity—Marguerite Verrinder, Evelyn Leavell, Helen Leavell.
Neatness—Mary Rogers, Marguerite Verrinder.
Politeness—Mary Sturges, Elsie Redfern.
Promotions—From Senior Fourth reader to Fifth reader: Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgman, Marie Blair.

In Russia, a declaration of love on a post card renders the sender liable to a fine.

Do Children Need Alcohol?

Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young.

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CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Children of St. Andrew's Sunday School Hold Entertainment.

The children of St. Andrew's Sunday school had their annual Christmas entertainment last evening. The younger children had tea at 5 o'clock and the older ones at six, while later on children and grown-ups gathered upstairs. The proceedings were opened with a short address from Rev. W. Leslie Clay, who congratulated the children and teachers on the happy results of the year's work together, and wished all a merry Christmas and a most prosperous new year.

A very enjoyable programme was rendered, including a chorus by the little tots of the primary class; a recitation by Miss Jean Burridge; a whistling solo, "Let Us Away," by Miss Mabel Carruthers, who gave "Joy Bells," in response to a very hearty encore; piano solo by Misses Phoebe Lay, Margaret Clay and Alice Murlatt; recitations by Misses Ella Pottinger, Mildred Robertson, and Rietta Robertson, and Jimmie Pottinger; duet by Misses Jean and Margaret Burridge; songs by Misses Kate Renwick and Jean Burridge; choruses by Miss Polson's, Miss Spring's and Miss Paterson's classes; and dialogues by Miss Sinclair's class. The programme concluded with "The Maple Leaf," in which everyone joined heartily.

Following this Santa Claus came in in the person of J. R. Eldridge, dressed in coat, cap, long beard and sleigh bells. He gave each child a large package of apples, candies and nuts. The children, on their part, are sending gifts to the Indian children of the Ahousat mission on the west coast.

On the first Sunday in January prizes will be given in the Sunday school to the two members of each class who have shown the greatest general proficiency and been most regular in attendance.

The trees and shrubs which produce some sort of rubber grow in a narrow belt round the world, within five degrees north and south of the equator.

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BANK TREASURER'S SUICIDE.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23.—Frank W. Cutting, for the past 40 years connected with the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank, and for seven years its treasurer, was found dead by suicide at his home to-day. Bank officials express the belief that his accounts are correct, as two examinations have been held recently.

TRADE COMMISSIONER DEAD.

Alexander MacLean Was Formerly Well Known Newspaperman in Eastern Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Alexander MacLean, Canadian trade commissioner to China, is dead at Shanghai. News of his death was received at his former home here, but not the details. Mr. MacLean was formerly a well-known newspaperman, publisher and writer, and was at one time part owner of the Montreal Herald. He was 72 years old.

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THE CHRISTIAN INHERITANCE.

On the eve of Christmas, 1908, just
that many centuries after the founder
of the faith which bears His name was
born into the world, and in the light
of the new spirit of tolerance which
we believe animates and vitalises the
races of the world, it may be interest-
ing, and we hope also profitable, to
consider the vast number of years that
passed over the heads of mankind ere
the true purport and intent of the
Master's teachings became "manifest
in the flesh." A reader of the Times
has been good enough to send us a
copy of T. P.'s Weekly, a London
journal, containing a review of a book
dealing with the Remittance Man in
Canada. As Canadians we are all more
or less interested in the fortunes of
this unique product of the British
social system, and, in general, we agree
with his biographer that once he "finds
himself" and adjusts his compasses in
consonance with surrounding in-
fluences, "he is the salt of the earth."

But in the journal referred to there is
a review of another class of work,
which may be studied possibly with
greater profit, and with deeper inter-
est, at this particular season. It is a
criticism of a book called "The Girl-
hood of Mary Queen of Scots." To
some of the quotations from this work
we shall direct the attention of our
readers for the purpose of illustrating
the point stated above—the wonderful
change which has come over the spirit
of Christianity during the three hun-
dred and twenty-five years since Mary
Stuart lived a gay but busy life in
France, absorbing wisdom at the feet
of her uncle Cardinal Guise, and died a
martyr to the exigencies of state in
England. Many accounts have been
written of verbal encounters between
the beautiful queen and Calvin and
Knox, representing one extreme in
theological belief as Cardinal Guise did
the other. Extended reference to such
slashes would be out of harmony with
the spirit of the season, but, as the
writer says, the teachings of the great
Founder of the Christian faith "would
not have prevented Mary, or at least
Mary's advisers, from burning Calvin
for the good of his soul, nor Calvin
from burning her beautiful body as
part of the devil's machinery for keeping
men from the knowledge of true reli-
gion." What a relief to turn from a
picture of the horrors committed three
hundred years ago in the name of the
gentle Saviour to a contemplation of
the benign spirit which dominates the
world on the 1600th anniversary of His
nativity. We are not only in Canada,
at all events—absolutely tolerant of the
religious beliefs of our fellow-men;
race prejudice is all but broken down;
peace and goodwill reign from the
Pacific Slope to the Atlantic seaboard.
Probably in Canada we realize as no-
where else in the world the true intent
of the parable of the fig tree: "My peace
I give unto you."

RESOURCES OF THE ISLAND.

A great deal has been said and writ-
ten upon the subject of the unsurpass-
ed resources of Vancouver Island, some
of the speakers and writers have had
nothing more substantial upon which
to base their remarks than the specu-
lative opinions of persons more or
less accurately informed. There is one
man in Victoria, however, who by reason
of training and knowledge person-
ally acquired is entitled to most atten-
tive consideration when he can be pre-
sented upon to tell what he actually
knows about the natural wealth of this
island. That man is Mr. W. J. Sutton,
mining engineer, geologist and geo-
grapher. Mr. Sutton says Vancouver
Island possesses the greater portion of
the timber resources of British Colum-
bia, and he gives the natural reasons
for this exceptional endowment. The
Island is also exceptionally rich in iron
and coal, while it has a coast line of
upwards of five thousand miles. But
what is the use of all this wealth when
practically nothing is being done to
develop it? Mr. Sutton says there ought
to be a thorough geological survey of
the island and that it ought also to be
made accessible to prospectors and in-
vestors by the construction of a net-
work of roads and trails. He has put
forth suggestions which should receive
the consideration of the committee
having in hand the matter of advertis-
ing the resources and the attractions of
the island. The data gathered by Mr.
Sutton should be laid before the govern-
ment and the benefits which would
surely follow a policy of development
pointed out.

CHURCH UNION IN CANADA.

Leaders in the movement for the
union of the Methodist, the Presbyter-
ian and the Congregational Churches
of Canada confidently express the be-
lief that before the end of 1910 the
great work which has been progressing
for several years will be accomplished.
The object in view is said to be the
most important to engage the atten-
tion of Canadian theological leaders
since the establishment of the feder-
ation of the Dominion. The popular be-
lief when the idea of union was first
brought forward was that the great gulf
between the Anglican and the Calvinistic
creeds could not be successfully
bridged, at least for many a year. But,
according to leaders upon both sides,
a basis of agreement satisfactory to
the disciples of Arminius and Calvin
has been reached. It but remains for
the congregations to set the seal of
their approval upon this understanding
and the organic union will be complete.
For a time the hope was entertained
that greater things in the interests
of the church in Canada might be ac-
complished; but in the case of the
Church of England, the maintenance
of the historic episcopacy being con-
sidered essential, an insuperable obsta-
cle to the inclusion of that body within
the union was encountered for the time
being; while the Baptists also, for reasons
they considered just as vital, de-
cided to remain separate and distinct
until a more convenient season. But
the joint committee is hopeful that be-
fore many years shall pass over the
head of the Dominion the work now
partially accomplished may be com-
pleted.

The administrative basis of union is
embodied in the following report of a
sub-committee representing the three
churches:

"(1) That the present capital invest-
ments of the various benevolent funds
of the uniting churches, and the in-
come now contributed to those funds
by publishing interests be combined
into a common trust, if practicable.
The rights of present claimants and of
prospective claimants (the latter being
computed as of the date of the union)
shall be a first charge on the revenue
from this trust. If it be found that
differences in the constitution and ad-
ministration of the several funds are
such as to necessitate separate trusts,
instead of a common trust, this shall
not be a bar to the carrying out of
the general plan, because in that case
their revenues shall be combined.

"(2) That a new scheme of the
uniting churches be constituted, pro-
viding for (a) the assessing of each
minister who is a member of any of
the existing funds at the date of
union, and of all ministers received
into or ordained in the United Church
after union, on the basis of stipend
or on the basis of age, or having re-
gard to both stipend and age, as the
Supreme Court may determine, and
(b) the collecting of contributions,
which shall be obligatory upon all
congregations, based upon an equi-
table allocation or assessment under
rules to be formulated by the Su-
preme Court of the United Church.
The minimum of such allocation or
assessment shall be the amount re-
quisite, together with the revenue
from the trust and the foregoing as-
sessment upon ministers, to make
good the claims of claimants upon
and contributors to the funds."

Commenting on the results achieved
by the committee which undertook the
task of smoothing away the obstacles
to union, the Toronto Globe says: "It
may be years before the union of those
denominations will be an accomplished
fact, but this is certain, that a step has
been taken which never can be retraced.
Those three churches have come
together in conference too close and

too vital for them ever again to be
strangers. The logic of their very life
will bind them in a unity of faith and
a co-operation of service, which will
one day, perhaps one day not as far
off as some suppose, make their sepa-
rate ecclesiastical existence impossible.
It looks as though Canada, which led
the way in the reunion of the various
branches of Presbyterianism and of
Methodism, will lead the way in this
larger and more significant reunion of
Christian forces in the world. Such a
distinction would be worth while."

There are evidently still many crook-
ed things to be made straight in this
world, although it is the year 1908 of
the Christian era. Witness the follow-
ing arraignment by President Eliot of
Harvard University of the free institu-
tions of the great republic of the United
States of America: "Government
agencies themselves have often fostered
lawlessness. Executives have com-
plained of court decisions and have re-
proached judges for giving decisions
contrary to the policies of the execu-
tives. Courts have been packed by
executive appointments in order to
procure from those same courts sub-
sequently decisions in conformity with
the wishes or opinions of the execu-
tives. Courts themselves have con-
tradicted each other, have given decisions
on technical grounds without express-
ing an opinion on the merits of the
case, have divided as evenly as pos-
sible on important questions and have
brought courts into contempt by long
delays, by reversals of judgment and
by multiplied appeals from court to
court. Whenever through any of these
causes failures of justice occur the
courts are brought into contempt and
the spirit of lawlessness is fostered."

It is distressing to read about the
poverty-stricken condition of hundreds
of thousands of people in the great
cities of the world to-day. Not in
London alone are great multitudes go-
ing to be dependent upon the charita-
bly-disposed for their Christmas cheer.
The situation is practically as
depressing in New York and in many
of the cities of this continent of op-
portunities. And probably there can
be no relief while the disposition of
so many people to crowd into great
centres remains. It has been so from
the beginning and will be till the end.
Rural life has little attraction for the
individual who has been drawn into
the maelstrom of the great city. The
prevailing city idea is that upon the
farm monotony, dull routine, and hard
labor are the ordinary conditions, fea-
tures more to be dreaded than the
spectre of poverty. The streets of
cities are at least gay, although in the
so-called homes hunger and cold repre-
sent the normal state of affairs. But
there are few hungry "waifs" to be
fed by the Salvation Army in the rural
districts of the continent of America.

We have many holidays throughout
the year in Canada. Every nation has
some particular holiday or anniversary
of some kind which it celebrates with
unusual fervor. Christmas is the only
day in the year which is recognized by
common consent as an international
Holy Day, and is esteemed sacred by
the whole of Europe, America, the
greater part of Africa and a large por-
tion of Asia. The whole of the Chris-
tian world will consequently cease
from its ordinary labors to-morrow. As
the Times will not be issued in the
evening, we take this opportunity of
wishing all readers and patrons of this
paper a very merry Christmas. May
the season prove one of unalloyed joy
and happiness to all the people of the
good city of Victoria.

We gather from remarks dropped by
some of our esteemed contemporaries
on the other side of the international
boundary line that an event of great
importance is going to be
"pulled off" Saturday will settle the
nationality of bold Thomas Burns,
Esq. If Tommy wins he will be an
American; if he loses he will be per-
mitted to retain his Canadian national-
ity.

A London music hall artist has been,
it would appear, making light of Can-
ada in her daily "turns" upon the
stage. This offence, a contemporary
suggests, should be construed into an
affront to the Canadian people, involv-
ing a possible strain upon their loy-
alty. Surely an example of hysterical
imperialism.

THRICE BLESSED.

(New York Tribune.)
If it is true that he gives twice who
gives quickly, it is equally true that he
—or more generally she—does Christ-
mas shopping three times as satisfac-
torily to all concerned who does it both
early in the season and early in the
day.

A GREAT MOVEMENT.

(Hamilton Herald.)
A period of nearly two years is to
be allowed for the church union move-
ment to gather force. The question is
to be voted on in the autumn of
1910. It is a question of even more
importance than any national issue at
a general election in this country for
many a year.

GET IT RIGHT.

(New York Mail.)

Dear Linotype, be it far
From us thy perfect peace to mar.
But this is Dutch for motor car.
Sleiparnir is the word for motor car.

Lake Erie produces more fish to the
square mile than any other body of water
in the world.

WOMAN'S LAST WORD.

A woman who evidently believed in
having the last word was at Maryle-
bone County Court on Monday, and
Judge Seale asked her not to interrupt
the witness.

The Defendant—Very well, sir, but
as I was going to say—

The Judge—Don't interrupt; you will
have your turn. But he says—

The witness—I was only going to say—

The witness—You are quite right, it was
only that—

The witness (warmly)—Be quiet, will
you, when you are told? But he
wants to—

The witness, red in the face and in a
stentorian voice—You must be quiet—
I was only going to say—

The witness (laterally)—Do you wish
me to send you to prison for seven
days?

A calm fell upon the court.

A DOLLAR A WORD.

Here is the way Lord Northcliffe's
weekly Answers speaks of the com-
ing exodus to Africa:

It is definitely announced that when
President Roosevelt comes to write his
account of his hunting experience in
Africa he will be paid at the rate of
a dollar a word. May we expect some-
thing like the following:

The (1) lion (1) stood (1)
Within (1) the (1) wood (1).
I (1) took (1) a (1) steady (1) aim
(1).

My (1) bullet (1) sped (1).
And (1) he (1) lay (1) dead (1).
By (1) my (1) good (1) rifle (1)
slain (1).

Total, \$23.00

Mrs. Miggins—My husband is a perfect
crank.
Mrs. Miggins—All husbands are, my dear.
Mrs. Miggins—But fancy a man who
complains that my mustard plasters are
not as strong as those his mother used
to make—Stray Stories.

If a man's time is valuable he doesn't
kill it.

ACCIDENT ON FORT STREET.

John Pimm Has Two Ribs Broken in
Mix-up.

This morning an accident happened
on Fort street which at first was fear-
ed might result in the death of John
Pimm, a driver of one of the delivery
wagons of the Windsor Grocery. His
injuries, however, are found not to be
as serious as they were at first sup-
posed to be. He is resting easily in the
Royal Jubilee hospital. Two ribs are
broken and he is generally shaken up.
Pimm was driving a loaded wagon
up Fort street and had just passed the
corner of Harrison street when he
saw a car coming towards him. Ap-
parently he was not aware that a
car was coming the other way at the
same time. As he drew his horse
across the street to the right side, the
warning was given from the car com-
ing from down-town. He crossed over
the track just before the Carberry
Gardens entrance was gained.
As far as was possible, he leaped the east
bound car passed the rear part of the
wagon alright, but the front step
caught the front wheel, smashing it
and precipitating the driver between
the car and the wagon. Dr. J. A. Gra-
hame was early on the spot and ren-
dered assistance with others.

—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor
will be "at home" at Government
House to all citizens from 1:30 p. m.
to 3:30 p. m. on New Year's Day.

—William Fernie, of Oak Bay, has
as his custom at Christmas time,
remembered the conductors and moto-
neers of the Oak Bay tramway line, by
presenting them with two boxes of ci-
gars. Bullen Bros. have remembered
the conductors and motomeers on the
Esquimalt run, by presenting them
with \$10.

—The formal opening of the "new
nurses' home," at the Royal Jubilee hos-
pital, will take place Tuesday after-
noon, January 5th. Yesterday twenty-
seven of the nurses connected with the
institution moved into their new quar-
ters, and commenced to make them-
selves comfortable. They express them-
selves as delighted and well satisfied
with their change.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24—5 a. m.—Low pres-
sure areas cover the prairie provinces and
the greater part of British Columbia, and
a high area is centered over California;
snow has fallen in the Rocky mountain
districts and the plateau lands of the
states of Oregon and Washington, and
heavy rain all along the Coast; weather
conditions on the Pacific slope are unset-
tled and cold. East of the Rockies the
weather is mostly cold and fair, except in
Manitoba, where snow is falling.

FORECAST.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh
southerly winds, unsettled and cold, with
rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Southerly winds, un-
settled and cold, with rain or snow.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature,
41; minimum, 29; wind, 16 miles S.; rain,
30; weather, raining.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04;
temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 8
miles S.; rain, 43; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; tempera-
ture, 28; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles S.;
snow, 32; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; tem-
perature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles
S.; rain, 92; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.75; tempera-
ture, 20; minimum, 4; wind, 4 miles N.W.;
weather, clear.

—The attention of the audience at the
Cambridge theatre one night recently
was about fairly divided between "The
Merry Widow" on the stage and an
equally entrancing divinity who occu-
pied Box C.

With the latter lady were three de-
voted undergraduates. It is, by the
way, one of the rules of the theatre
that undergraduates shall not charter
a box unless they are accompanied by a
lady.

No one knew who the mysterious
beauty was, though one or two "very
men" in the house thought she was
himself dimly of someone. Her
three cavaliers pined her incessantly
with chocolates and compliments, and
every man present wished he had half
their luck.

And no wonder. The lady was young
and handsome, and spirited. She was
superbly gowned in white satin, shimmer-
ing with sequins, and her glorious
hair was dressed in the most fascinat-
ing "Merry Widow" style. She had a
most agreeable smile, and the quanti-
ties of chocolate that she consumed
indicated a very healthy appetite.

At least a score of the audience com-
pletely lost their hearts to her. One or
two cavaliers said her hands were
large, but they were indignantly sil-
enced.

A few days later the sad truth
leaked out. Both theatre officials and
audience had been duped. The "lady"
was an undergraduate, and the beauti-
ful head of hair was the work of a
famous London costumer—who came
down himself to conduct the final
"touching up," and took the wig back
with him.—London Chronicle.

The Sahara is not like a smooth sea
beach of sand. It consists of boundless
barriers of sand and stones, rocks of all
sizes and shapes, with here and there
some higher rock, which throws a
shadow from the heat.

HERD.

Six years ago McKinley, an-
other big bull, took it into his head to
trim Black Beauty. The rest of the
herd shivered, withdrew to a cautious
distance and formed a ring. Black
Beauty butted his adversary to his
knees in ten minutes. In five minutes
more he killed McKinley.

Two years later another powerful
bull, named Jud, bellowed defiance.
Black Beauty rushed him off his feet
in ten seconds, and before keepers could
interfere had stamped him to death.
The victor snorted defiance to the other
bulls, but none entered the lists.

Black Beauty was then confined in
a special enclosure, where he has re-
mained, gnawing his heart out.

"He never had a son like himself,"
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To-Night
Xmas Eve.

All Our Fancy Christmas
Goods and Toys Must Go.
There will be Bargains in
Christmas Books, Cards,
Toys, Calendars, Slippers,
China and Other Fancy
Articles.

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loma at World's Fair

PERSONAL.

Joshua Kingham, who has been ill for
two weeks with an attack of pleurisy,
was able to spend an hour down town to-
day.

Col. Gregory is leaving to-night for his
former home in Frederikton, New
Brunswick, owing to the illness of his
father, Mr. Justice Gregory.

W. R. Coleman returned on the Princess
Royal this afternoon from Seattle.

THE LADY OF BOX "C."

Mystery Solved of Beauty Who Daz-
zled Theatre Audience.

The attention of the audience at the
Cambridge theatre one night recently
was about fairly divided between "The
Merry Widow" on the stage and an
equally entrancing divinity who occu-
pied Box C.

With the latter lady were three de-
voted undergraduates. It is, by the
way, one of the rules of the theatre
that undergraduates shall not charter
a box unless they are accompanied by a
lady.

No one knew who the mysterious
beauty was, though one or two "very
men" in the house thought she was
himself dimly of someone. Her
three cavaliers pined her incessantly
with chocolates and compliments, and
every man present wished he had half
their luck.

And no wonder. The lady was young
and handsome, and spirited. She was
superbly gowned in white satin, shimmer-
ing with sequins, and her glorious
hair was dressed in the most fascinat-
ing "Merry Widow" style. She had a
most agreeable smile, and the quanti-
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BURNS AND JOHNSTON VAIT SOUND OF GONG

Result Should Be Known in
Victoria To-morrow
Night.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—The fight next Saturday for the heavy-weight championship of the world between Tommy Burns, the Canadian heavy-weight pugilist, and Jack Johnson, the American colored fighter, is the chief topic of conversation in Sydney. There has been a deadlock for the past three days, owing to the inability to agree on a referee and Johnson's consequent refusal to fight, but this matter has now been straightened out and to-day the betting on Burns is a point stronger. For days it favored Burns at five to four and a large amount had been placed at these figures. Mr. McIntosh, the promoter of the contest, finally agreed to be referee at



TOMMY BURNS, THE PRESENT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

the request of both fighters. The suggestion advanced by Johnson that two judges in addition to the referee be appointed has been abandoned.

The two men were to-day examined by a physician who pronounced each one to be in perfect physical condition. The advance sales of seats totals 40,000.

To-morrow night the result of the world's championship heavy-weight fight between Tommy Burns, the Canadian, present holder of the championship, and Jack Johnson, the American colored pugilist, which takes place at Sydney, December 26th, should be known in Victoria. The championship fight will be fought in the morning, commencing at 11 o'clock (Sydney time). The conditions are fight to a finish under Marquis of Queensberry rules in a twenty-four foot ring with four-ounce gloves. Promoter McIntosh will act as referee.

The result of the fight at the present time is decidedly up in the air. Johnson will enter the ring, according to latest advices, weighing about twenty-one pounds heavier than Burns, which weight will bring Burns around the two hundred pound mark. There are many local fans who do not believe Burns can make the weight in fighting trim. He, however, in an Australian interview gave out that he had put on weight of the right kind and would be in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds when the gong rings. Johnson has it over the champion in height, is at least equal in strength, and if anything has the better in reach by an inch. Both men are ring generals of the first quality, and both learnt the game in the same American school, which so puzzled Bill Squires when he met Burns in "Frisco" last year. Both are good men on their feet, there being probably no two better in the world. Which, however, is the best is the big question sports are trying to decide.

There has been a lot of talk of the fight being a fake, in the American press. As far as is known, the battle is a world's championship. Burns is defending the title and Johnson has accepted it for several years. Burns, if a winner, has an American show tour waiting for him, to start with Pantheon in Vancouver. If he loses he will have to return to "Frisco" and pick up Langford or any other semi-heavy that is looking for a little with him. If defeated he has stated he will not fight again. Johnson by a win has the pugilistic world at his feet and all the high-priced show engagements he asks for. He will have any heavy-weight fight that is going at his own price, in fact, fortune in his minute he is declared the winner. Both men have

too much to lose and too much to gain to fall to the other without a desperate struggle. Johnson is the first negro to fight for the world's championship. On these conditions the fight looks on the square.

Johnson is undoubtedly the biggest man Burns has been up against in his career. The negro has never known defeat except a decision given against him in favor of Marvin Hart, and his real strength has not been discovered. Burns won his position through defeating Jack O'Brien in their second battle at Los Angeles, the first having been a fake. The win was obtained on a decision.

Johnson has been thirteen years in the ring and has fought nearly one hundred battles.

Sam Langford, newly arrived on the pugilistic horizon, Fitz, Jeffries, Ketchell, and a host of others who should know of the two men, all tip Burns to win, and the betting at the present time is 5 to 4 in favor of Burns.

HIGH BRED STOCK AT FOUR MILE FARM

Mrs. Gouge Has String of Race
Horses Preparing for
Spring.

Although considerable has been said regarding the advantages of this city as the winter headquarters for owners of pure-bred stock, very little has been heard of the many small farms in the vicinity of Victoria, the owners of which are quietly and without any flourish increasing the number of standard breeds. On many of these farms, the numbers have within the past few years been considerably increased and

gameness by winning the last three heats, two of them by a head in a driving finish. She has now been retired from active track service, and will in the future be used for breeding. Although she has retired from the track it is not to prevent her from taking a ribbon for brood mares at the Provincial exhibition, this year.

Elmo O., a black mare with a mark of 2-15 3-4, by Red Baron from Nora by Wildwood, is the latest addition to the ranch and it is expected that she will show considerable speed during the coming summer. She has already been seen on the local track, having raced during the summer meeting when she won handsily.

Sophie McKinney, a black trotting mare, is a direct descendant from the noted McKinney from Belle Wilkes. McKinney mares are considered very fine stock and Sophie shows no sign of proving any exception.

Kitty Grege is a handsome bay trotter by Adirondack out of Belle by Rockwood. Kitty is a half sister to Oliver J., the pretty black stallion that won so many blue ribbons at the Provincial exhibition in this city, and also at the Vancouver horse show. She has never been tried for speed, but will be given an opportunity during the summer.

Grace Contin, was bred on the farm, and is a handsome little two-year-old by King Patchen from Belle Storm, and she gives every evidence of following the example set by the latter.

In addition to these Mrs. Gouge has several yearlings, which are well bred. Besides two splendid mares which she uses entirely for driving purposes. In fact, the string owned by Mrs. Gouge is one of the best in British Columbia, and it will not be long before racers bred at the Four Mile farm will be taking their places among the best in the country.

YACHTING.

CUP CHALLENGER WITHDRAWN.

Next year will not see a race for the Canada's cup, so decided the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, executive and sailing committee at its last meeting.

The R. C. Y. C. challenged on September 23rd and the challenge was accepted. But trouble was found in waiting, when the details came to be arranged. The Rochester Yacht Club desired to race the Seneca again and the R. C. Y. C. would not hear of it on the ground that she was not eligible and wished to have her eligibility decided by some prominent yacht club in the States under the deed of gift of the Canada's cup.

But Rochester would not agree to have the deed of gift brought into the matter at all.

The Toronto club, therefore, after hearing the report of the club's delegates to Rochester, decided to withdraw the challenge.

THE RING.

JOHNSON WINS FROM BRUSSO.

Galt, Dec. 24.—Johnson trimmed Brusso here in a boxing bout yesterday. A colored gentleman by the name of Johnson put it all over Noah Brusso's (Hommy Burns) brother at Preston. It is to be hoped that this is no forecast.

RUGBY IS ONLY WEEK END ATTRACTION HERE

City and Bay Teams Meet for
Third Time at Oak Bay
Park.

On Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay the two local Rugby teams met for the third time this season. The teams have defeated each other once this year, and the rivalry of the third game will be intense. The match is set for 2:30 p.m. The city team will be: Full back, N. Gowen; three-quarters, Meredith, Gillespie, Lowry and Winsby; half backs, Pitts and Parker; forwards, Graham, Benson, Plummer, Spalding, Morley, Harris, Landy and Jephson. The Bay's team will be selected from Johnson, Vincent, Thompson, Carrs, Nason (F.), Nason, (G.) Cohen, Newcombe, Hodgson, Arbuckle, Jeffs, Milner, Dendrod, McNair, Archibald, Spencer, Hiscocks, Campbell, Dinadale, Thurnburn and Sweeney.

Days Held Meeting.

The J. B. A. A. Rugby squad met last night at the club rooms and elected H. Hopgood secretary for the remainder of the year in place of W. Loat, resigned. In view of the match with McGill on January 16th the squad was ordered into regular training. On Christmas morning a general practice will be had at Oak Bay, this being the first of the regular drillings before the visit of the McGill representatives.

SPORTING NOTES

To-morrow the Victoria United will make its first appearance at Beacon Hill in a preparatory game towards getting together for the Island league matches.

North Ward Junior soccer team opens the Island schedule here to-morrow with a match against Ladysmith Juniors. The game will be played on the North Ward ground.

Victoria West, first and second elevens, will practice at Macalay point to-morrow. The match is called to take the place of the Fifth Regiment-Victoria West game, the Regiment having retired.

A return match has been proposed between Kelly and Bill Papke for January 12th at Los Angeles, and will probably be accepted by the men who will divide sixty per cent under the offer.

To-morrow at Vancouver the Stanford Rugby team is to line up against Vancouver fifteen in the first match of the three for the Cooper-Kelth trophy. The second match is on the 29th and the third New Year's day.

WIDE MARGIN IN BASKETBALL SCORES

Five Easy Wins, With One
Close Game in Junior
Divisions.

Intermediate and junior basketball games were played last night, three in each grade. Victoria West intermediates disposed of James Bay by 33 to 7. At half time the score was 12 to 5. The result of the game was never in doubt from the start, the Wests showing superiority throughout. The Wests, however, missed a double header through their junior team dropping the game with the Shamrocks, which team scored 24 to the Wests' dozen. There was a big crowd at this game, and the pace kept at top speed from whistle to whistle.

In the intermediate, North Ward disposed of the Y. M. C. A. 36 to 14, and in the junior the Y. M. C. A. boys returned the compliment almost exactly by beating the North Ward boys 35 to 11. The third intermediate game was between Shamrocks and Esquimalt, resulting in a win for the former by 24 to 10.

The closest game and consequently the most exciting of all played last night was that between the Esquimalt and High school juniors, one point separating the teams when the final call came. High school scored the win, but had to go all the way at every

stage. At no moment was one team far enough of the other to rest. The score went back and forth first in favor of the Esquimalt and then in favor of the High school, until just before the final whistle the High school tipped one in the net and were able to defend till the end without Esquimalt scoring the odd point.

ATHLETICS.

LONGBOAT TO WED ON MONDAY.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Tom Longboat, the Indian long-distance runner, who defeated Dorondo in New York, was received into the Italian church here on Monday. He is now what is known as a pagan Indian. His marriage to Miss Maracle, of the Mohawk Indian reserve, is to take place on the platform of Massey hall on Monday, December 28th, at the close of a benefit performance. Longboat's Indian name is Car-we-ga, meaning "everything," and that of his intended bride is "Ka-hon-don," meaning "the leader."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

JUNIOR TIE GAME.

The Beacon Hill Juniors will play the High School on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock at Beacon Hill. As both teams tie in the race for the city championship an even and exciting game is looked for.

The Beacon Hill team follows: Goal, Lowbridge; full backs, Wales and McDonald; halves, Patch, T. O'Rourke and Lindsay; forwards, McDougall, Bolton, reserves, Julius, Thomas, Baker.

The High School team will be picked from the following: Clarke, Brown, Scott, Boggs, Day, Pike, Tuley, Williams, McInnes, McKewen, Colvin and McDonald.

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MUSICAL COMEDY IS WELL PRESENTED

"Fifty Miles From Boston"
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Repeated To-night.

With a dozen stars in a cast of fifteen persons, Cohan and Harris last night presented George M. Cohan's rural musical play, "Fifty Miles from Boston," at the Victoria theatre, from which playhouse three departed at 11:30 p. m. a highly satisfied body of people who had followed the intricacies of the plot with infinite amusement, from the rise of the curtain to the end.

The story is hinged on the love affair of the little postmistress, Sadie Woods, and a baseball hero, Joe Westcott. There is a villain who is the usual versatile one ever known even in plays. He wants to marry Sadie and so weaves his web round the brother of the postmistress who happens to be in love with his sister Nellie.

A remarkably strong feature in the play is the scene between these two men, each in love with the other's sister and each determined by fair or foul means to wed the lady of his choice.

Mrs. Clifford, who claims to be everybody's favorite and meantime acts as scandalmonger, is generally disliked by all except the audience, who hail her approach and departure from the stage with hearty laughter and applause. Eddie Moseley, a small boy, who appears to something ahead of minor league towns and is seen eagerly seeking \$1.50 to take him to Boston for good and all, gives a first class presentation of the boy natural, and he does not have to act to do it. His performance is one of the best in the cast. The "fat boy" with little to do, does that little well, while Joe Woods, the young man in trouble who has stolen money and lost his nerve, plays the part of an unsteady, nervous, rickety boy as well as the objectionable part could be taken. He was the recipient of a special round of applause and a recall at the end of the second act.

The two principal characters of Sadie Woods and Joe Westcott are in the hands of Hazel Lowry and W. D. Stevenson, while Dave Harrigan is played by W. P. Richardson. These three are the central figures of George M. Cohan's work and acquit themselves in a finished style. Recalls at the end of the powerful second act numbered eleven last night, while acts one and three were the subject of a lesser number in each case. Between acts one and two the orchestra rendered George M. Cohan's selections from his latest play, "The Yankee Prince," and the Minstrel march and two step between acts two and three. There are several bright and catchy songs in the production. The voices are not strong, but the effort of Hazel Lowry in "Jack and Jill," Suzanne Westford's "Ain't It Awful" and Mr. Richardson's "Harrigan," were all enjoyed several times before the audience was satisfied.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Dr. A. C. Frost, of Ladysmith, is a guest in town.

George Hoffman, of Los Angeles, will spend some weeks in Victoria.

Miss Kathleen Macdonald will spend the holiday week in Vancouver.

Miss Bulwin, of this city, will spend Christmas with friends in Vancouver.

Miss Edythe Lang, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. R. D. Kenny, of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. M. Atkins and Miss Graham, of Winnipeg, are visiting the city.

Miss E. Eaton has returned to Victoria, after an absence of three months at Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie left this morning for Vancouver, where they will spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Bowin will leave for Seattle to-night on route for Cle-Elum, where she will spend Christmas with friends.

Mr. Charles Willard and Miss Ella Southern Willard, of New York, who are touring the coast cities, are at present in Victoria.

The marriage of Mr. Ernest Gerhard and Mrs. Thorne Kink took place on Saturday at St. Paul's manse, Dundas street, Victoria West, Rev. D. MacRae officiating.

A number of the cabinet ministers have left for their homes for Christmas. Hon. F. J. Fulton has gone to Kamloops and Hon. Thos. Taylor to Revelstoke.

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The ball to be given to-night by the management and employees of the Empress hotel promises to be a great success. Over six hundred invitations have been issued. The rotunda has been very beautifully decorated with great ropes of evergreen, depending from which are great numbers of Chinese lanterns, alternating with large red bells. The centre of the rotunda is occupied by a magnificent Christmas tree, the base of which is draped with Union Jacks. Mr. H. D. Helmcken will act as Santa Claus, and the Empress orchestra will furnish a first-class dance programme. A buffet supper will be served in the dining-room, which will likewise be decorated for the occasion. Guests are requested to present their cards at the door.

The ball at the Driad hotel on New Year's eve promises to be a brilliant social affair. Mr. Hemming, the proprietor, is sending out some four hundred or more invitations, and nothing will be overlooked to ensure his guests having a good time. He intends this to be the first of a series of annual functions to be held each New Year's eve. Dancing will be in the big dining-room, and a buffet supper in the adjoining grill room, both of which will be elaborately decorated. The ladies' dressing rooms will be upstairs in the rooms adjoining the parlor, while the gentlemen's cloak room will be on the ground floor. A platform for the orchestra will be built in the dining-room. The dancing floor promises to be perfect. A large contingent of Vancouverites will be present.

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HOLLY AND MISTLETOE.

The custom of employing holly and other plants for decorative purposes at Christmas is one of considerable antiquity, and has been regarded as a survival of the usage of the Roman Saturnalia, or of an old Teutonic practice of hanging the interior of dwellings with evergreens as a refuge for sylvan spirits from the inclemency of the winter. A border proverb defines an habitual story-teller as one that "leaves never but when the holly is green." Several popular superstitions exist with regard to holly. By some it is considered unlucky to introduce it into the house before Xmas eve. In some districts, the prickly and non-prickly kinds are distinguished as "he" and "she" holly, and the tradition obtains that according as the holly brought in to the house at Xmas is smooth or rough, the wife or husband will be the master. Holly that has previously adorned churches is supposed to bring luck to a house.

The mistletoe is parasitic both on deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs. In England it is most abundant on the apple tree, but rarely found on the oak. The growth of the plant is slow, and its duration proportionately great, its death being determined generally by that of the tree on which it has established itself.

The ancient Druids held their sacrifices and banquets under a mistletoe-crowned tree. After the banquets were over they brought near two white bulls, whose horns were for the first time bound. The priest, clothed in a white robe, ascended the tree, cut the mistletoe with a golden hook, and caught it in his white mantle. He then slew the victims, praying God to prosper the gift.

The mistletoe figures also in Scandinavian legend as having furnished the material of an arrow with which Baldr (the sun-god) was slain by the blind god Hoder.

TIMELY RECIPES

English Plum Pudding. — One pound of beef kidney suet, chopped fine; one pound seeded Malaga raisins; one pound currants, cleaned and washed; one pound bread-crumbs, sifted through a sieve; a quarter of a pound of candied lemon-peel, chopped fine; one pound of powdered sugar; four tablespoonfuls of flour; a quarter of an ounce of ground cinnamon; a quarter of an ounce of nutmeg and allspice; a pint of cider or orange juice and six eggs. Mix the whole well together. Dip a strong cloth in cold water and wring out to extract all the moisture. Spread open on a table and butter liberally with butter softened to the consistency of cream; dredge over with sifted flour and shake the cloth to remove the excess. Turn out the mixture on the centre of the cloth, form in the shape of a ball, raise up the edges of the cloth, bringing the four ends together, and all around to inclose the preparation well, then tighten and tie firmly. Plunge the pudding into a deep kettle filled with three-quarters of its height with boiling water. If it cook for three hours, then remove it from the water. Let it stand for five minutes before cutting the string. Undo the cloth carefully and turn the pudding on a hot dish. Sprinkle with sugar and serve immediately with hard or sweet sauce.

Carrots Thicken Jelly. — When making jelly and it does not jell clean a few carrots, cut them up, and put in jelly. Let boil a few minutes until done.

Apple Souffle. — Peel and core apples till tender, rub through sieve, season to taste with sugar and nutmeg. Place puree in a saucepan and cook till quite dry and firm. To one and one-half cups of this apple puree and whites of four eggs beaten stiff and sweetened with three tablespoons sugar. Mix puree and meringue lightly and quickly together and turn into pudding dish. Sprinkle with sugar and bake in slow oven about twenty-five minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

Plump the Turkey. — After a turkey or any fowl is all cleaned and stuffed lay it on a platter in the sink and pour a kettle of boiling hot water over it. It will puff up all over and be nice and plump and come out also nice and juicy when done, not dry and tasteless, which is the case sometimes. Then proceed to season. Put it in a hot oven; also set a small dish of water in the oven to prevent the gravy from burning. This is simple, costs nothing, and every woman will be thankful when she sees the result if she tries it.

Bottled Cranberries. — Remove all stalks and imperfect berries. Have ready some clean bottles. Fill them three parts full with cranberries, then fill them up to the top with cold water. Cork tightly and rest or seal with wax the cork. Store in a cool dry place. When using the fruit, the water should be used for juice, as it will be nicely flavored with the cranberries. Bottled thus they should keep for years.

Cranberry Jelly. — Three pounds of cranberries, three pints water, two cups of sugar to each pint of juice. Wash and remove all the stalks and put the berries in a pan with the cold water. Boil quickly until they are soft and broken. Strain off the juice through a fine hair sieve, press the fruit but do not rub through or the clearness of the jelly will be spoiled. Rinse out the pan, measure the juice and add the sugar in the given proportions. Boil until it jellies when allowed to cool on a plate, pour into jars, cover and keep in a cool place.

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FIREMEN OF PRINCE RUPERT GIVE BALL

Over Two Hundred People En-
joy Dancing in New Post-
office Building.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Prince Rupert, Dec. 22.—The first an-
nual ball of the Prince Rupert volun-
teer fire department was held in the
new postoffice building on Friday even-
ing, and proved a grand success in
every way. The large room was taste-
fully decorated with flags, bunting and
evergreens, and was well lighted with
an incandescent gasoline lamp system
that had been installed for the occa-
sion. The large beacon light, lately
owned by American poachers and cap-
tured by the Canadian cruiser Kestrel
in Hecate strait, was set up in front
of the building; but instead of serving
its original purpose of guiding poachers
to a well sheltered harbor where they
could clean their fish without being
molested, it directed the merry-making
people of Prince Rupert to where they
thoroughly enjoyed the best dance ever
held in the new terminus.

When the grand march was an-
nounced shortly after nine o'clock over
eighty couples joined in the parade,
and from then until in the early morn-
ing hours there was not a slow nor
tiresome moment.

At midnight a delicious lunch was
served by the members of the brigade,
after which dancing was resumed. The
Metakalia string band, made up of na-
tive sons, who are natural born mu-
sicians, furnished good music and re-
sponded to many requests. There were
fully 225 people present, and the re-
ceipts totaled \$254, which will be ex-
pended in purchasing fire-fighting ap-
paratus.

RAILWAYS BUY WATERFRONT.

Negotiations Completed for Property
in Terminal City.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—With the object
of securing new terminal facilities for
one or more big transcontinental rail-
ways, negotiations for a transfer of
False creek waterfront property to the
value of over \$350,000 was concluded,
but the agent of the purchasers, who
are said to be the G. N. Ry. and the
N. P. Ry., is still looking for more
waterfront in that locality, provided
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PREDICTS INCREASED OUTPUT IN ATLIN

Mining Companies Have Made
Extensive Additions to
Plants.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—There will be a
greatly increased gold production in
Atlin district next year, according to
J. M. Ruffner, Mr. Ruffner is manag-
ing director of the North Columbia
Mining Company and a subsidiary cor-
poration, the Pine Creek Power Com-
pany.

During the past season he directed
the work of building a five-mile ditch
in order to secure a water supply. The
ditch has a width of 26 feet and a
delivery capacity of 15,000 miners'
inches. The ditch taps Lake Surprise,
a lake which has a length of 18 miles.
Gates installed at the intake enable
the company to regulate the flow into
the ditch. Experts agree that the facili-
ties the company will enjoy next year
in regard to water supply are un-
equalled in the history of hydraulic
mining. So enormous is the volume of
water that no difficulty will be ex-
perienced in operating twelve seven-
teeth monitors.

Owing to the construction work in
progress all summer, the output being
one-third of the usual yearly produc-
tion. All records, however, will be
surpassed next season. The company
owns 1,360 acres of bench and six
miles of creek claims whose richness
has been determined by the most care-
ful tests.

Mr. Ruffner bases his prediction of
next year's increased output in Atlin
on the fact that other companies hav-
ing made extensive additions to their
plants will operate on a large scale in
future. This is especially true of the
McKee Creek Company and a French
company on Otter creek.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Alfred Smith, Lulu Island Farmer,
Crushed Against Wagon and
May Die.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—While engaged
in harnessing a team of horses to a
heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, a well
known rancher of Lulu Island, was
probably fatally injured last evening.
He was standing between the horses
against the pole of the wagon, and
had almost completed the task when,
for some reason, the animals took
fright suddenly and dashed forward.
The man was tangled helplessly in the
harness, wheels and flying hoofs and
was borne against the side of another
heavy wagon that stood nearby. There,
still carried on the pole, he was dashed
flat against the wagon and the horses
stopped. When picked up, Smith was
horribly crushed and mangled and may
die.

STEAM SHOVEL AT WORK AT PRINCE RUPERT

Big Rock Bluffs Will Be Cleared
Away by Middle
of May.

(Special Correspondence.)
Prince Rupert, Dec. 22.—The big
steam shovel recently brought here by
Foley Welch & Stewart to clear away
the big rock bluffs at the wharf has
been moved to the ground, and is al-
ready digging into the loose rock that
had been blasted out. A short main
line, with sidings and switches to ac-
commodate the two trains which are
made up of pony locomotives and five
dump cars. One scoop of the big iron
dipper is sufficient to fill a car. When
they have all been loaded the train is
run out on the grade and dumped into
the space between the fill and the
wharf which is now being rapidly filled
up.

Judging from the rate at which the
work is now being carried on it is es-
timated that the two big bluffs, contain-
ing over 300,000 cubic yards of rock,
will be broken up and removed by the
middle of May next year.

Another commercial enterprise for
Prince Rupert was established here to-
day when the building lately occupied
by Pat Carey, a well-known pioneer of
Vancouver, was sold to the Crowwell-
Ormsby Company, who have renovated
the structure and converted it into an
up-to-date meat market. The building
is situated on the main business street
of Knox-ville. When lots can be pur-
chased permanent buildings will be put
up, slaughter houses erected and a
cold storage plant installed. Swift &
Company of Chicago are reported to be
behind the new enterprise.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
Dec. 16th to 22nd, 1908.

At Victoria there were recorded 17 hours
6 minutes of bright sunshine; highest tem-
perature, 45 on 16th; lowest, 36.5 on 17th;
rain, 21 inch.

At Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 19 hours;
45 minutes; highest, 42 on 16th and 21st;
lowest, 35 on 18th; rain, 51 inch.

At New Westminster—Highest, 42 on
16th; lowest, 32 on 20th; rain, 45 inch.

At Kamloops—Highest, 32 on 21st; low-
est, 10 on 17th; snow, 30 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest, 34 on 18th and
19th; lowest, 2 on 17th; snow, 1.6 inch.

At Atlin—Highest, 35 on 18th; lowest, 5
on 16th; snow, 2.58 inches.

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CHAPTER XVIII.—(Continued.)

"Pardon me," Lord Doncastle raised
his finger. "On the other hand, if we
do not act, the panic will grow. Com-
merce will be dislocated, trade tempo-
rarily ruined. Germany, while suffering
a diplomatic defeat at the moment, will
enjoy a terrible victory later on. In
ten years she will dominate Europe; our
ally will be crushed at her feet, and our
own naval prestige seriously menaced.
Further, this government will not
remain in office a fortnight, and the
good we have been able to do in five
years of uninterrupted work will be
largely nullified by the ineptitudes of
our political opponents. Gentlemen,
shall Crampden be reprieved or shall
he not? Let me finish by saying that I
saw this morning the daughter of the
man whom Crampden was unfortunate
enough to assassinate, and that she
protested against the execution. Let
me point out to you that Crampden
confessed of his own accord, that he
was a man with a very honorable
record, and that from my personal
knowledge of him I am sure that in re-
turn for a reprieve he would do his
duty as the greatest force in the city
of London."

Doncastle sat down.

Mr. Bott did not waste a moment. He
sprang forward. "All the sophistries
of the Prime Minister," he exclaimed,
at a white heat, "cannot hide the pa-
tent fact that he is advocating a gross
misuse of administrative power."

A pause ensued.

"Does anyone agree with Mr. Bott?"
inquired Lord Doncastle.

Not a sound.

"There is one thing," said Mr. Bott.
"An appeal to His Majesty's clemency
can only go through me as Home Sec-
retary." And he looked at the pa-
tient fact that he was advocating a gross
misuse of administrative power.

"We should be desolated to lose your
invaluable services, Mr. Bott," said
Lord Doncastle, "but as the whole of
the rest of the Cabinet has the mis-
fortune to disagree with you—"

Another silence.

Mr. Bott felt under his chair for his
hat. He found it and rose.

"I am a man of principle," he said,
with a shaking voice, "though I did
work on a farm for fifteen years. I re-
sist."

"You take with you our respect, at any
rate," Sir John Prester murmured to
him as he strode towards the door. The
two shook hands. Mr. Bott bowed very
awkwardly to the rest, and departed.

Viscount Somersethire was appointed
to the Home Secretaryship, and the
metropolitan police were enchanted at
the change.

Thus did Doncastle accomplish the
most impossible of all the impossible
feats which he had performed in his
long and dazzling career as a juggler
and tight-rope walker.

As he was untying his cravat that
night, he gazed at various reassuring
telegrams, from Sandringham, from
Bedford, from the city, from Berlin,
which had reached him in response to
his decisive and audacious action. Then
he smiled at his image in the glass;
and his valet, who was quite accus-
tomed to his master's soliloquies, heard him
say:

"You caused the old fellow to give
away his life. You've given him his
life back again. So that's all right."

CHAPTER XIX.

Strange Behavior of Millicent.

"Good-night, dear Lady Mary," said
Norah.

"Going to bed?"

Norah embraced the old lady with
impulsive warmth as she reclined in
her easy chair.

"You must be tired, poor thing!"
murmured Lady Mary. "Sleep well."

"Good-night, Millicent."

"Good-night, dearest."

The two girls kissed.

"Good-night, Mr. Berger."

"Good-night."

Holding aside the portiere for her, he
shook her hand, and bowed. He had
not yet decided how to address her,
whether as "Mrs. Maurice" or "Norah."

The one form was as beset with diffi-
culties as the other.

And Norah, dressed in black, passed
from the inner, or green, drawing-
room at Tudor House, down the cen-
tre of the empty but illuminated
vastness of the central, or yellow,
drawing-room, and so disappeared
through the portieres leading to the
third one. Emile Berger watched her
proud and sensitive movements, and
then returned to his seat in the small
drawing-room between Lady Mary and
Millicent. There was a silence in that
room. Tears had come into the eyes of
Lady Mary. It had seemed, in theory,
a strange thing, an almost impossible
thing, that the daughter of a murderer
should accept the hospitality of the
widow and daughter of the murdered.
But the arrangement had been brought
about by the calm, inflexible will of
Millicent, and, once developed from
theory into practice, it had proved to be
an extraordinarily natural and right.
As Millicent had said to Lord Don-
castle: "What have we against
Norah?" Conventionality would have
held that Norah's presence under the
Courlander roof would be intolerable.
But common sense, acting in concert
with the possible yet intense kindliness
of Lady Mary, and the reasoned kind-
liness of Millicent, had proved the con-
trary.

Of course Norah could not have stay-
ed at Tudor House without Maurice's
consent, if Maurice had been there.
But Maurice was not there. Two
days before, that sombre and tragic
figure had quitted the Hundreds after
an outburst, in front of Millicent and
Emile, that had been as terrible as it
had been brief. It occurred when the
news arrived that Abraham Cramp-
den was reprieved. Maurice appeared
to be overwhelmed with astonishment.
The astonishment gave way to fury,
and the fury to a cold and measured
anger. He made no comment on the
action of the government. His sole
words, uttered in a voice that startled
even Millicent, were: "Do they think
he shall escape me?" He had then
walked downstairs, Emile following
him. In the hall he had put on his
overcoat, taking his customary care
that the collar of it was not lower than
the collar of his jacket, and he had
departed from the house without a
command to a servant or a good-bye
to his relatives and his friend.

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an instant and said to Emile: "You
stay and look after them." — "They
doubtless mean my mother and sis-
ter. Later in the day he had telephoned
for Curtis to go to London. Then
it was that Millicent had insisted upon
Norah assuming a place in the house-
hold. "When Maurice comes back,"
Millicent had said, "he will find her
here, and the path will be open for a
reconciliation." Millicent's practical
talent for handling tragic situations of
unique delicacy and difficulty as though
they were everyday matters was in-
deed remarkable. She fearlessly took
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, under and
pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Can-
ada, 1906, Chapter 115, Thomas H. Horne
will apply to the Governor-in-Council for
approval of the plan and site for the erec-
tion of a wooden wharf in front of Lots
1284 and 1285, in the City of Victoria, B. C.,
and a plan of the said proposed wharf and a
plan of the same, have been deposited
with the Minister of Public Works
at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have
been deposited in the office of the Regis-
trar of Deeds for the said City of Victoria,
the same being the Land Registry Office
at Victoria aforesaid.

Witness my hand and seal, the 23rd day of December, 1908.

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VOTERS' LIST.

NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

Take notice that all persons, not
the owners of lands or improvements, who
are British subjects of the full age of
twenty-one years:

1. Have resided within the Municipality
since the first day of January last;

2. Have paid all rates, taxes or assess-
ments, which are or have been levied on
lands, and which amount to not less than two
dollars for the current year, other than
water rates or taxes or license fees for
dogs;

And who desire to have their names
placed on the voters' list, shall make out
and cause to be delivered to the Clerk
of the Municipality a statutory declaration
on or before the first day of December
next.

VICTORIA, B. C., 23rd November, 1908.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

MAKING HOLIDAY

A HAPPY ONE

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will have their usual Christmas dinner to-morrow, and are looking forward to the treat that is in store for them. With sublime faith in Old St. Nick, the patron saint of children, every child will hang up his or her stocking before going to sleep to-night, and doubtless the good faeries who watch over the lives

of the occupants of the Home will see to it that Santa Claus carries a heavily laden pack into the building to-night and leaves with it empty. There will be shouts of joy when the children awake in the morning. A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at the Orphanage on Tuesday afternoon, December 29th, from 3 to 5 o'clock. It is expected that Father Christmas himself will give away the prizes and gifts.

The inmates of the jail will be remembered to-morrow. At the provincial jail something special in the way of a dinner will be served, and there will be a little relaxation from the usual rules. The usual Christmas entertainment will be in the afternoon, commencing at 2.30. S. Turner, superintendent of religious work among the prisoners, has arranged a good programme. Rev. S. J. Thompson will preside at the entertainment, and it is hoped to make the event as social as possible under the circumstances.

At the city lock-up there will be something extra for the few inmates. In the way of amusements the theatres of the city will all be open. In the Victoria "The Great Divide" will be presented in the evening. At the other theatres good programmes are on the boards.

VERDICT AGAINST LABOR LEADERS

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bor organizations in protesting to the president against sentence urged him to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The Illinois Mine Workers sent this telegram, signed by President John B. Walker, the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 75,000 mine workers in Illinois we desire to protest against the decision committing to penal servitude those great combatants and representatives of the American labor movement, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. These men may be guilty of a breach of the law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions create only enmity and class hatred. We respectfully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

VOTERS' LISTS REVISED. Appeal Will Probably Be Taken on Behalf of Men Over 50 Years.

The municipal court of revision, consisting of Mayor Hall, Ald. Cameron and Ald. Pauline, held a final sitting this morning, when the voters' lists for 1909 were finally completed and were signed and certified by the Mayor.

There have been seventy-five names struck off, 74 those of householders who had not paid the statutory \$2 road tax and one property-owner objected to as being an alien.

A copy of the list of men over fifty, whose applications for registration were refused, will be furnished to-day to Joseph Peirson, and an appeal from the ruling will probably be taken before Police Magistrate Jay on Saturday.

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SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen Are Congratulated by Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen, 549 Niagara street, celebrated their silver wedding yesterday and were the recipients of many valuable gifts and cordial good wishes from a host of friends. They were married in Plymouth, England, on December 23, 1883, and came out to Canada four years later, settling in Victoria. Here Mr. Allen became a member of the police force, on which he has done excellent work, and he now holds the position of jailer at the city jail and his charge of the records.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Allen entertained a number of intimate friends at their home and a very pleasant evening was spent. The heartiest of good wishes were showered upon them and all united in wishing them another quarter century of happiness.

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

This Week's Programme is Attracting Large Audiences to All Performances.

Miss Joyce Gray, in her beautiful salome dance, and the other star features on the bill, are drawing houses packed to the doors at all performances at the New Grand this week. The usual afternoon and evening performances will be given on Christmas day. The full programme includes Miss Joyce Gray, salome dance; Stephen Gratton & Co. in "Locked Out at 3 a.m."; Margaret Severance & Co. in "Nowadays"; Earl Girdler and his trick dogs, and the illustrated song, two good moving pictures and overture.

A SURPRISED MINISTER.

"For many years I have been a sufferer from bronchial catarrh, and had despaired of anything like a cure. Judge of my pleasant surprise when I first used Hyomei, which brought complete relief. Hyomei has been a veritable godsend." Rev. Charles Hartley, Gardinia, Ohio.

Thousands of catarrh sufferers have given up in despair. They have tried stomach dosing, snuff, sprays and douches without success, and now believe catarrh to be incurable.

But D. E. Campbell, the druggist, holds out hope to all distressed. He sells a remedy called Hyomei which is guaranteed for catarrh, colds, coughs, bronchitis, asthma and croup.

Hyomei (pronounced High-o-mee) is medicated air, full of the healthy virtues of the mountain pines. You breathe in the delightful antiseptic air, and as it passes over the inflamed and germ ridden membrane, it allays the inflammation, kills the germs, and drives out the disease.

A complete Hyomet outfit, including a hard rubber inhaler, costs but \$1.00, and an extra bottle of Hyomet, if afterwards needed, costs but 50 cents.

See D. E. Campbell about it to-day. C-2

ELITE BOWLING LEAGUE.

Davis' Team Defeated Holden's Five in Match Last Night.

On the elite alleys in the house league last night Davis' team won from Holden's five by 63 pins. The scores follow:

Player	Davis	Holden
Cusack	400	125
McIlmoy	400	125
Stevens	320	108
Archibald	300	100
Total	1520	658

Holden's team had the highest score, 175, and also highest average, 148.

On Monday night Aaronson's team will play Wilson's five.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Varied Programme is Being Presented This Week.

The rapidity with which La Tosca, the comedy juggler at Pantages, works is a source of wonderment to the audience. His performance is one of the features at the theatre this week. The mid-air bicycle riding of Mlle. Raymond is the only act of its kind before the public, and is exciting to a high degree. The four English belles are pleasing crowded houses with their dancing, fencing and singing.

Brandon and Wilson sing and dance in a delightful manner, and the songs and monologue of Jack Atkins, the illustrated song and an especially interesting series of motion pictures on the biograph complete an entertaining programme.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24.—Hon. W. Pugsley, minister of public works, who has arrived here to spend Christmas, says a curtailment in the expenditure for public works would be necessary owing to the decline of the revenue of the Dominion and the necessity for keeping the expenditure well within the public income.

Indian bats measure six feet across the wings.

Light Hearts

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To-morrow

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AND TO-DAY SETTLES THE GIFT PROBLEM. We are ready right up to the last minute to assist you to solve it. You'll find here a host of articles that'll help you in the deciding, and you'll find us prepared to make prompt deliveries of your gifts if you so desire. Special values will prevail throughout the whole store to-day and a visit is desirable. Odd lines we don't wish to carry over the holiday will be placed on the bargain counters and splendid opportunities to get fine gifts for little money will be in evidence. One feature you shouldn't miss is the

Clearance Sale of China Gift Pieces

We are clearing out all the odd lines of holiday china and the greatest china bargains the city has known are offered here to-day. Hundreds of appropriate gift articles are to be found on these tables. By all means come in and see them.

OAK TEA TRAYS Here is a gift suggestion from the first floor. A tea tray is a serviceable article to send. Prices range from— \$2.00 to \$6.00	KETTLES AND STANDS Five o'clock Tea Kettles and Stands—what an excellent gift to send a lady friend. Many styles— \$2.00 to \$22.50	FIRE FENDERS Here is something of unusual merit to send the "old folks." They'll enjoy the hearth even more with these. \$2.00 to \$30.00
CHESSE TABLES Here is a splendid gift to send to some friend who likes to ponder and plan over a chess game. Bentwood. Priced— \$5.50	FOOT RESTS Almost as useful as easy chairs—'cause they help so much to rest one. Upholstered in leather. Priced— \$3.00 and \$3.50	FIRE SCREENS We show a wide range in Fire Screens. Decorated glass and copper styles predominate. Stylish designs— \$8.00 to \$18.00
TABLE COVERS These new arrivals in tapestry Table Covers disclose some attractive gift suggestions. Many sizes, several designs— \$9c to \$7.50	LINEN TABLE CLOTHS The housekeeper cannot have too many Table Cloths. An excellent gift to send some bride-to-be. Finest linens here— \$1.25 to \$22.50	TABLE NAPKINS Table Napkins are another line that would meet with a hearty reception. Strong on these. Priced at, per dozen— \$1.00 to \$22.50
DRAWN TEA CLOTHS The daintiest creations in linen drawn work tea cloths are shown on the second floor. Wide price range— \$1.50 to \$20.00	SILK TABLE COVERS Silk Table Covers—parlor table size, in Oriental and floral effects. Square shaped; two styles, at— \$2.25 and \$5.50	CUT GLASS In that finest of Cut Glass, "Libbey," we offer the grandest display of crystal in the city. Prices range— \$2.50 to \$40.00
CAKE BASKETS Here is a dainty gift in silver, and we offer you much choice in both style and price. We have them at— \$4.00 to \$9.00	STERLING SILVER In sterling manicure pieces we have many excellent articles, rightly priced. The range runs at— 50c to \$1.25	MORRIS CHAIRS These are very popular gift articles, and we offer you an unusually wide choice this season. From— \$9.00 to \$45.00

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